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In re application of:
S. C. Keith DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 09/966,505
Filed: September 28, 2001

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING SENSITIVITY OF OXYGEN BIOSENSORS

This is a decision on the petition received by fax on January 26, 2004, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed October 29, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned January 2, 2002. A notice of abandonment was mailed on December 16, 2003.

On January 26, 2004, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the attorney responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on March 11, 2002, with two months of extension.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice to File Missing Parts on March 11, 2002 with a certification of mailing dated February 28, 2002.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 1623.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at (703) 308-3640.

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